

## Monday Moments in US History

Entrance task: Think: What gives a person POWER over you?

Today: Prelude to Global War  
Totalitarianism in 20th century Europe

Homework: Ch. 24-2 - The Road to Victory in Europe

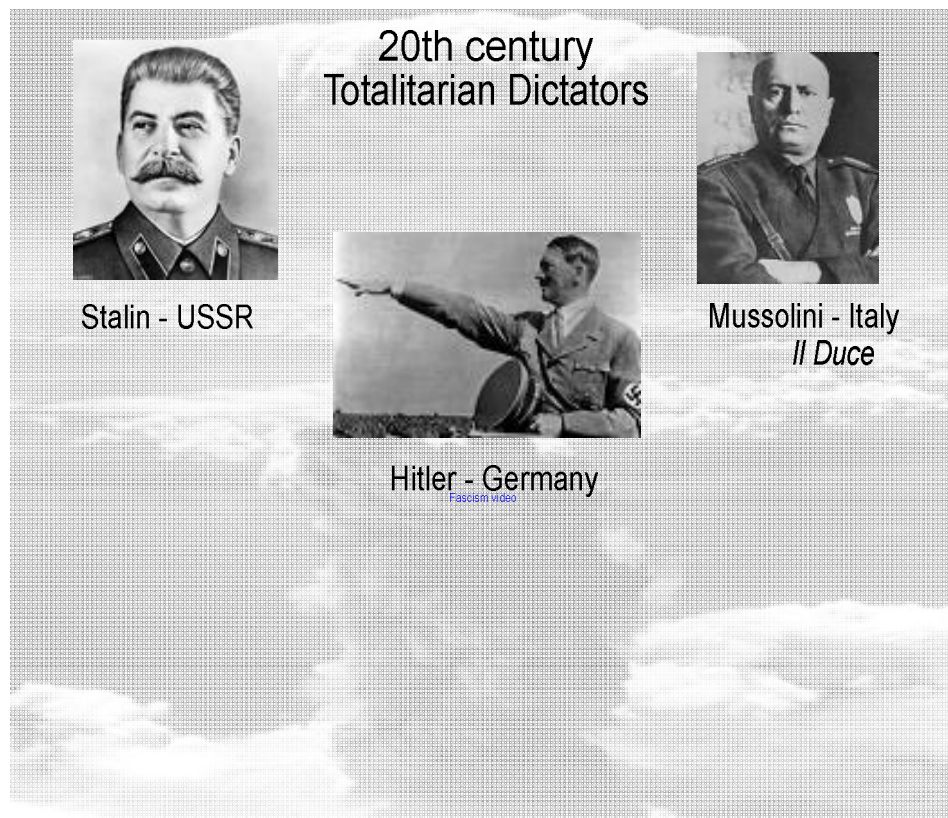
## Totalitarianism

- \* Uses **technology** to exert complete political control over people's political, social, and economic lives
- \* Govt based on a commitment to nationalism.
- \* The state is more important than the



# Fascism

- \* Single party dictatorship
- \* Glorifies a people or a race as superior
- \* Militaristic
- \* Imperialistic
- \* Nation more important than the individual
- \* **Anti-Communist - protects ownership of private property**

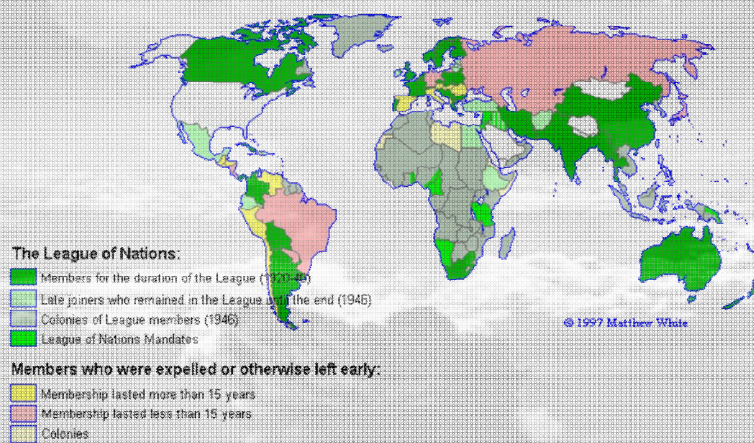




# The Versailles Treaty



# A Weak League of Nations





## The Ineffectiveness of the League of Nations

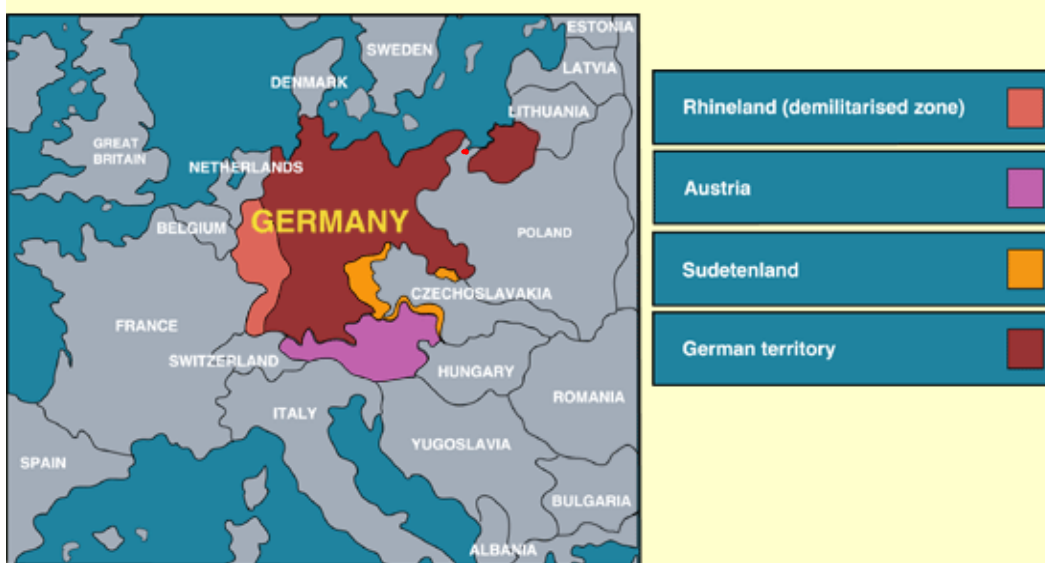


- ❑ No control of major conflicts.
- ❑ No progress in disarmament.
- ❑ No effective military force.

## The "Stab-In-The-Back" Theory



German soldiers are dissatisfied.



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Blitzkrieg - Lightning warfare used by Germans

Appeasement - Giving into an aggressor to avoid conflict

*Mein Kampf* - "My Struggle" - autobiography by Hitler

Axis Powers - Germany, Italy, and later Japan

## US Response to War in Europe

**Lend-Lease Act - March 1941**  
 Authorized US president to aid any nation whose defense he believed was vital to US security.

- Great Britain - \$31 billion
- Soviet Union - \$11 billion
- France - \$3 billion
- China - \$1.5 billion
- Other Europeans - \$500 million
- South America - \$400 million

Total: \$48,601,365,000



Q1	Country	Leader
	Italy	<b>Mussolini</b> - Felt his country had been short-changed at Versailles
	Germany	<b>Hitler</b> - took advantage of Germany's post-WWI problems to gain national support

Q2

How did Japan get involved in this mess?

- \* Needed raw materials & markets
- \* Needed room for its people



## US Response to War in Europe

FDR - Naval buildup in the Pacific as Japan began seizing land in northern China and the Dutch East Indies





Q. 4

## Why did the US want to remain neutral?

Been there, done that, not doing it again! Besides, we've got our own problems . . . Depression!

## ISOLATIONISM

Attack on Pearl Harbor!!!!

*"Dec. 7, 1941, a day that will live in infamy"*



Radio broadcasts  
FDR Declaration of War



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